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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DARRYL ORRIN BAKER,

Plaintiff,

- v -

UNITED STATES, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 05-147 (Erie)

DECLARATION OF BRIAN WESEMAN

I, Brian Weseman, make the following declaration under penalty of perjury:


1. I am employed as a Senior Officer, United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Federal Correctional Institution, McKean, Pennsylvania. I have been employed by the Federal Bureau of Prisons since approximately January 4, 1999. I have been employed as a Senior Officer at FCI McKean since approximately January 11, 2004.
2. On February 27, 2004, I was assigned to the Custody Post of Evening Watch Unit Officer in Unit A at FCI McKean. This post ran from 4:00 p.m. through 12:00 a.m. As the Unit A Officer, I was required to be inside Housing Unit A as well as outside of the entrance of Unit A during controlled inmate movements. As the Unit Officer, I was responsible for making security inspections inside the unit, conducting cell searches, conducting pat searches of inmates entering the housing unit, patrolling the unit, and making rounds through inmate cells, bathrooms and common areas, among other duties.
3. Unit A is a large, double-tiered, triangular-shaped housing unit, with a capacity of approximately 156 inmates. One Unit Officer is assigned to this housing unit.
4. On February 27, 2004, at approximately 8:15 pm, I was standing outside of the entrance to Unit A, monitoring inmates returning to the Unit during the last controlled inmate movement of the day in preparation for the 9:00 p.m. count. During the last inmate controlled movement, inmates are permitted to return from places outside of the housing unit, including, but not limited to, the recreation areas, the education department, the law library, psychology services, or religious services, in order to be present in their cells for the 9:00 p.m. count. During this controlled movement, I would stand outside the entrance of Unit A, and conduct random checks of inmate identification cards and pat searches of inmates entering the housing unit. Prior to the announcement of the controlled movement at approximately 8:15 p.m., I would be inside the housing unit doing any of a number of different duties, including, but not limited to making rounds, completing documentation, reviewing the inmate bed book, and inspecting various areas inside

the housing unit.

5. On February 27, 2004, I did not observe any inmate-on-inmate assaults or fights, and no inmate assaults or fights were reported to me. At no time during my shift did I observe any activity or noise which would lead me to believe that inmate Darryl Orrin Baker, Reg. No. 19613-039, was at risk of assault, or had been injured as a result of an accident or a physical altercation with any other inmate in Unit A.
6. Had I learned or suspected that inmate Baker, or any other inmate in Unit A was physically injured during my shift, I would have immediately notified the Operations Lieutenant of the injury.

I declare the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and is given under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.

Executed this 7th day of December, 2005.


Brian Weseman
Senior Officer
Federal Correctional Institution
McKean, PA